# Manchester Is Home After Six Days in Hospital

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William Manchester, author of "The Death of a President," the story of the assassination of President Kennedy, was released yesterday afternoon from Middlesex Memorial Hospital at Middletown, Conn.

The author's wife, reached at the family's home in Middletown, said that she drove her husband home at about 1:30 P.M.

"He is now home convalescing from pneumonia with his family," Mrs. Manchester said.

Dr. F. Erwin Tracy, the writer's physician, said that original plans had called for Mr. Manchester to remain in the hospital until after the weekend.

"He is completely recovered from the pneumonitis," the doctor said. "His wife was anxious to have him home and it is New Year's Eve."

### Temperature Is Normal

Mr. Manchester was hospitalized late Sunday night with a mild form of viral pneumonia that had centered in the lower portion of his left lung.

The 44-year-old author's temperature was 104 degrees when he entered the hospital, but it had returned to normal by noon on Monday.

Dr. Tracy said he did not know how long Mr. Manchester would have to rest at home before returning to negotiations concerning the publication of the book.

Although she had authorized Mr. Manchester to write the book, Mrs. John F. Kennedy objected to certain personal details that he had included and initiated action in State Supreme Court to halt its publication in book form by Harper & Row and serialization of excerpts from it by Look magazine.

Look has reached agreement with members of the Kennedy family and has altered some portions of the manuscript but negotiations are still under way with the book publisher and Mr. Manchester. The beginning of the Look serialization is scheduled to reach the newstands on Jan. 10.

### Negotiations to Resume

Negotiations between Mrs. Kennedy and Harper & Row are scheduled to resume Tuesday.

A hearing on Mrs. Kennedy's separate suit against Mr. Manchester was postponed until Jan. 16 because of the author's illness.

Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's attorney, said last night that Mr. Manchester's release from the hospital would make negotiations "more profitable and expeditious."

Mrs. Kennedy's adviser in the talks, Richard N. Goodwin, said, "We can now proceed more speedily."

A spokesman for Look said yesterday that nearly all of the European publications that purchased serial rights to publish the excerpts had consented to make the changes agreed to by the magazine.

However, he said the West German illustrated magazine Stern had refused to make the changes. He added that a final decision by Geillustreerde Pers Publishing Company of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, had not been made. The concern, which publishes the weekly magazine Revue in the Netherlands, had said earlier it would refuse to make any changes.

Those agreeing to make the changes, the Look official said, were Epoca in Italy, Paris-Match, The Sunday Times of London and newspapers in Scandinavia.

In an interview on N.B.C.-TV Friday night, Henri Nannen, editor in chief of Stern, said his staff had completed the layouts for the first of its eight installments, scheduled for publication on Jan. 15.

The editor also revealed one episode supposedly in the version deleted by Look.

It reports that on the night before Mr. Kennedy's assassination, the President and Mrs. Kennedy were forced to sleep in separate hotel rooms in Fort Worth, Tex., because a mattress in the President's double room was missing.

A Look official confirmed yesterday that this incident was one thing the magazine had agreed to delete from its serial version.

"It did not seem terribly important," he said. "And Mrs. Kennedy wanted it taken out."

Nevertheless, Mr. Nannen remarked, "Call it a private story or not—I think it's a political story to do such a thing to a President."

Reached at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth where Mr. Kennedy and his wife slept on the night of Nov. 21, 1963, Charles Bingham, a room clerk who was on duty that night, said he knew nothing of a missing mattress.

"The President always carried his own mattress because of his bad back and he had it with him then," Mr. Bingham recalled.

He said that President Kennedy occupied the Presidential Suite, room 850 of the 464-room hotel.